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Docket No.: 81862P125

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

KIRK D. SANDERS, ET AL.

Art Group: 2665

Application No.: 09/322,708

Examiner: Duc Chi Ho

Filed: May 28, 1999

For: BACKGROUND TEST SYSTEM FOR TIME
DIVISION MULTIPLEXING SWITCHING
SYSTEMS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants for the above-identified application respectfully Petition the Commissioner for a one (1) month extension of time, extending the period for response to March 20, 2003, from the Office Action dated November 20, 2002. The petition filing fee of \$110.00 and a Amendment and Response to Office Action are attached.

If it should be determined that a longer extension of time is required to prevent this application from being abandoned, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A copy of the Fee Transmittal is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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